



Optima Education Network (OEN)

Optima Classical Academy 9040

MINUTES for Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 10, 2026, 3:00 P.M. ET

Via Teams

	Name	Office	Present
1	Mr. Murl Landman	Chairman	✓
2	Ms. Cary Mitchell	Secretary	✓
3	Mr. Dean F. Mosley, Esq.	Director	✓
4	Dr. Craig Washington	Director	✓

1. Call to Order by Mr. Landman at 3:01 P.M.
2. Attendance taken. Mr. Landman, Ms. Mitchell, and Mr. Mosley present. Dr. Washington absent at roll call; joined during the meeting, prior to Consent Agenda vote. A quorum was present. Susan Turner from OptimaEd and Dr. Kim Abel, Head of School, also present.
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved as amended to add the Optima Classical Academy charter renewal (Collier County Public Schools, sponsor) as an item following the enrollment projection.
4. Public Comment – none.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Mosley, vote – unanimous.
 - a. Meeting minutes, 02/03/2026
 - b. 26-27 Board Meeting Schedule
 - c. 25-26 Audit Engagement Letter
 - d. 26-27 Certified Evidence-Based Reading Plan (CERP)
 - e. 25-26, 26-27 Code of Student Conduct
 - f. 25-26, 26-27 Student Progression Plan
 - g. July 2025 – May 2026 Financials
 - h. Virtual Instruction Provider agreement amendment and resolution.
6. Academic Report – Dr. Kim Abel, Head of School, reported on i-Ready results, with over 75% student participation and grade-band growth exceeding stretch targets (200–300 points) by eighth grade, attributed to immersive learning. She highlighted a successful adaptive AI and VR math pilot launched in January in a fourth-grade math class, which moved nearly all below-grade-level students into the yellow and green bands, and noted plans to expand the technology to grades six through eight.
7. 25-26 Surveys and Board Feedback – Dr. Abel reviewed parent and faculty/staff survey results, noting strong scores overall and areas being addressed, including parent-communication call routing, homework load, and facilitator training structure. Board feedback supports the upcoming Cognia accreditation renewal; directors were invited to submit any additional feedback by email.
8. 26-27 Budget – Motion to approve the 26-27 budget as presented made by Cary Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Washington, vote – unanimous.
9. 26-27 Enrollment Projection – Motion to approve the 26-27 enrollment projection as presented made by Cary Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Mosley, vote – unanimous.
10. Charter Renewal, Collier County Public Schools – Following discussion, the Board affirmed its intent to pursue renewal of the Optima Classical Academy charter; the letter of intent is due to the district by Monday, August 31. Motion to pursue the charter renewal for Optima Education Network made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Mosley, vote – unanimous.
11. Optima's Report – Susan Turner provided the following updates:
 - a. Enrollment – The school enters Survey 4, concluding in mid-August, which calculates FTE.



- b. Academic Update / Cognia review – the Cognia accreditation renewal evaluation will begin this winter and encompasses governance, academics, operations, and finances.
 - c. Charter applications update – Optima continues to pursue additional sponsorship opportunities. Board information sheets will be circulated for signature.
- 12. Board Comments – Ms. Mitchell thanked and commended the team for its work. Mr. Landman recognized the team’s hard work and the service it provides to the community.
- 13. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

